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Title: DIRECT TYMPANIC DRIVE VIA A FLOATING FILAMENT ASSEMBLY

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Responsive to the Office Action dated 11/29/01, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 7. (Amended, showing changes) The filament assembly of claim 1, wherein said
2 filament assembly is separable from said vibration[al] force element for placement and
3 replacement [therein] of the filament assembly onto and from the vibration force element.

1 11. (Amended, showing changes) The filament assembly of claim [9] 10, wherein
2 said permanent magnet is rod shaped.

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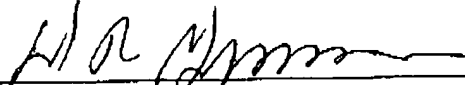
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1. Transmitted herewith by fax is a 14-page Amendment, 2-page Exhibit A, and Certification of Facsimile Transmission, responsive to the Office Action of 11/29/2001.

2. A Small Entity Verification is on file. The fee for claims has been calculated as follows:

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3. This response is timely filed. Accordingly, no petition for extension of time or extension fee is required.


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